

## SCOTT COUNTY KICKER.

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### AROUND BENTON.

John Martin, well known to the people of our county, died at the poor farm Friday and was buried at the Benton cemetery the following evening. His daughter, from St. Louis, arrived in time to attend the burial. Some twenty-five years ago Mr. Martin was elected coroner of county. He was a civil war veteran and 68 years old at the time of death.

The Kicker is in receipt of the "Sings and Music of 'Sings You've Come Home," by Mrs. L. P. Leach, of Morley, and published by Balmer & Weber, St. Louis. The music is written in Bb and is in 4/4 time. The words were dedicated to Miss Lillian Applegate, of Sikeston, on the death of her mother. Can be had of B. S. Card, Morley for 25 cents.

Marriage license. Robert E. Jones and Miss Rosa Valentine, John C. Hitt and Miss Rose M. Killian, all of Benton; R. A. Powell and Miss Ethel M. Smith, New Madrid county; and Andrew Scherer, of New Hamburg, and Mrs. Frances Hesse, East Prairie.

After finishing up Dick Finley's crop J. A. Githens pulled his new mule team on Wednesday. Mr. Githens says that he has threshed out 7,000 bushels of wheat this season and has about 2,000 bushels to thresh yet.

Sheriff Watkins will continue to hold out his office. It seems that the bondsmen who wanted to be released from his bond failed to take the proper legal steps. He refused to resign.

George Christman, E. E. Brown, John Elkins and Harvey Moore, all of river bottom, were here Monday attending to some matters connected with their lease district.

Wm. Finley and family, of Commerce, passed through here returning from a visit to Oran relatives Wednesday. Mr. Finley will move to Arkansas next week.

There will be a musical entertainment at the court house on Thanksgiving evening. Doors open at 7:30; entertainment to begin at 8.

The Benton Milling Co. pays the highest market price for wheat and gives liberal exchange for it in flour and meal.

Messrs. W. C. Lambert, S. J. Wade, J. R. Walker and Miss Cole, visiting Charleston Monday.

### FROM KESLO.

Jesse J. Hipes or Leo Dohogneau gave our reliable fire or tornado insurance on your dwellings, barns, schools or churches. They represent Missouri companies that are of the highest class. Write either of them for particulars.

A sad accident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Heisserer Friday. Their 3-year-old daughter got hold of a box of sugar coated pills and ate a lot of them. In less than an hour the child died. The funeral was Saturday.

John Miller died very suddenly Monday forenoon and was buried at Keslo Tuesday. Deceased was an energetic young farmer and last May married a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Glick and lived on the Frank Russell farm.

Phillip Geogery, of Ansell, and Otto Geogery, of Elbert, went to East Prairie Friday. Phillip got back Monday but Otto is still missing.

A lady named Miller has been in the community and claims to be the legal heir of the Brunske farm.

Frank Grasser has purchased two lots and the new home from Father Velm.

Const. Dohogne and John Heisserer left Benton Thursday.

Chance at Ansell Tuesday night well attended.

Solomon Dannenmuller is quite ill.

His Lux was at Benton Thursday.

### FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Another barn burning and surprise party at John Kern's Monday night, and Tuesday all went to Louis Westrich's to tell him that he had been married just thirteen years.

The marriage of Andrew Scherer, of this parish, and Mrs. Frances Hesse, of East Prairie, was announced Sunday and they were married by Father Huseman at Charleston Tuesday.

Messrs. Schuemer, Blatt, Kern, and Grasser went to Ansell Friday to get desks and other furniture for our new school house.

Solomon Hahn made his regular trip southwest of town Sunday. He was very careful to see that all taps were on tight.

Two brothers of Prof. Schulte and their families, of Washington, Mo., spent several days with him.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe. Hahn and son, Celestine, went to Cape county after fruit trees Saturday.

J. W. Outh and family spent Sunday with the family of Martin Holer at Oran.

Mr. and Mrs. Ludon Schmidt spent Sunday with her parents.

Wednesday of next week our new school house will be dedicated.

### FROM UNITY.

Miss Pearl Finley entertained quite a number of friends Sunday. They were Messrs. Leona and Mayme Norrid, of Benton; Ivah Chewling, Anna Pate, Addie Lemly and their escorts.

Mr. Martin and Miss Carroll drove down to Oran Sunday to visit friends.

Messrs. Pearl Finley and Ivah Chewling went to Blodgett shopping Saturday.

Miss Mabel Worrell was the guest of Miss Ethel Rogers Sunday.

Our school is progressing nicely and has a good number of scholars.

## FROM ORAN.

The voters here have been discussing the question of County School Supervision. There seems to be a division of sentiment over the matter. Some hold that it means better schools in the country districts, while others oppose it on account of the expense that it would incur. The superintendent would receive a compensation from \$600 to \$700 per year and the further expense would be entailed upon the county of providing a suitable room properly furnished where all records, books, papers and furniture shall be kept. I freely admit that I am not fully advised or posted in regard to the law or the advantages to be derived by its adoption. But it does seem to me that many of the objections that are made to the present system are traceable to the school officials themselves and that many of the mistakes that now occur, might be obviated or avoided if the County Board of Education before granting certificates would see to it that the applicant was qualified and if the voters at the annual elections would be more careful as to whom they elect—not every good man makes a good school director. He must not only be qualified but must take an interest in school work and be a good judge of human nature. There is another matter pertaining to schools, which is coming under the supervision of the county superintendent, that has a deleterious, harmful and objectionable feature to the workings of the schools. That is, where nepotism or favoritism is shown in the employment of teachers rather than upon the most meritorious. Instances have come under my observation where a family having a "pull" with the school board have sought to have incompetent, inefficient and objectionable teachers; not possessing the requisite qualifications to discharge the duties required, employed as against one more capable and better qualified in every way to perform the task. Where this is the case it has always been detrimental to the school and demoralizing in its tendencies. Further than that, it places the school director in an awkward position, puts him in a dilemma that he will find it hard to extricate himself. If he does not vote to employ the teacher with the "pull" he and his kith and kin will wish he was in "hades" and if he does the objectors would say as much. My experience has been that some teachers have as little of what is termed "gratitude" in their make-up, in their composition and have less appreciation of what is done for them than most mortals.

The question of building an addition to the present school building is being talked up by the patrons of the school. The crowded condition of the rooms makes it an actual necessity. A few who are able to send their children to college may oppose it, but the great majority of our people seeing the necessity of something being done will favor the proposition to build. All the education that nineteenth-century children of this country will ever get will be in the public schools. It hardly need be added that there is a sacred duty upon every citizen to protect and promote the common school system. The public schools are the people's schools, made by the people for the people and in these schools the child of the poorest man in the district is entitled to the same rights and privileges as the wealthiest man in the state.

Capt. Ward L. Smith, of Fredericktown, a brother-in-law to our townsman J. W. Thompson, was greeting his many friends here this week. Capt. Smith was formerly a prominent business man of this place and at one time was principal owner of the farm property adjacent to Blodgett, but sold some years ago and bought property at Fredericktown. Although he has passed the sixtieth milestone in life, his walk and actions do not indicate it.

We were pleased to meet here Monday with Messrs. George Buchanan and Dr. W. H. Allen, of Blodgett, and Albert DeReigh, of Benton. The ladies are prominent in church work, in the W. C. T. U. cause and in every movement tending to elevate the morals of the community in which they live.

Gay E. Cooksey, of the Citizen, who a short time ago was compelled to move his office from the street, now is asking the town "dads" to enforce the ordinance against all others. While this is none of my night, I can't see why the law is not applicable to all alike.

Frank and Andrew Metz, Joe Miller, Ed Schmiddy and Charles Kinney left on the Frisco Sunday for Talapoosa to be with the hunting club from here. Frank Metz was the most eager person to get away we have seen for many days.

Reece G. Allen, who spent the past week at Talapoosa with the Oran Hunting Club, returned Saturday. Reece says that three deer had been killed and the only shot he had was at a rabbit and missed that.

Miss Nellie Smith, a charming and intelligent young lady, of Wilmington, Ohio, is on an extended visit to relatives in Missouri. This week she is the guest of Charles E. Moore and family.

Some thief on Friday night entered the store of Emory & Heisserer and took away an over coat, two or three watches, and a pistol. The authorities have no clue as to the guilty parties.

J. F. Githens has had his saloon building re-covered. The building being near the depot he took the precaution to use tin roofing as it would be a protection against fire.

It is reported here that in a few days the L. M. Ry. will put on night passenger trains. The report has been put in circulation so often that the people give it little credence.

Col. Albert DeReigh and lady and Messrs. E. L. Stubbelfield, Frank Kelly and A. L. Daniel, of Benton, were in town shopping Friday.

J. T. Githens has been called to the residence of his father, George Githens, of Benton, where he is.

## FROM BLODGETT.

Among the visitors to town last week were W. W. Ward and Wm. H. Miller, Cape Girardeau; David Buchanan, Buckeye; Marsh Arnold, E. A. Kingsbury, Frank Kelley and Albert DeReigh, Benton; Benjamin Gratz, St. Louis; O. F. Goodin, of Charleston; C. A. Leedy, Fredericktown.

The W. C. T. U. gave a baby show at Mrs. J. E. Morris' Wednesday afternoon. The prizes were so arranged that about every baby present got one. Every mother was satisfied, and the show was a success.

The Johnstone Land Co. has a new outfit for handling corn. It unloads the wagon, elevates the corn and puts it anywhere desired in a crib 100 feet long, without the use of a scoop.

Percy J. Keeling last week bought the James A. Channing farm near Carey. Consideration was \$2,500. That is a good little farm, and Percy is proud of his trade.

Mrs. Emma Wright and Mrs. W. H. Allen attended the Home Mission district convention at Charleston last week.

Miss Bertha Shell spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks at Charleston.

Mrs. Geo. Buchanan and Mrs. W. H. Allen visited Oran friends Monday.

Born to Murrell J. Powell and wife on the first a girl.

### FROM PORTER'S SWITCH.

A team of mules and a wagon belonging to J. W. Huffstader were stolen from a hitch rack Saturday night. The thieves were quickly pursued by James Collins and John Huffstader who caught them about 3 o'clock next morning. Their names were a man named Guthrie and two boys named Chatman and Beaver.

Messrs. Arnold and Anstetlin have moved from the Whitesall farm to this neighborhood. They say there are too many coons there for them.

No sickness to report and everybody too busy shucking corn to talk politics or even discuss the Benton deep well.

Mr. and Mrs. John Collins visited relatives at Charleston Saturday and Sunday.

W. C. Darby and family have moved to their new home in Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Schneider are the proud parents of a 10-pound girl. Miss Murchison is getting along nicely with her school.

Mrs. Mat Rogers has gone to Indian Territory.

Arthur Brazill has moved to Hamptonville.

### FROM DIEHLSTADT.

A number from here attended the opera at Charleston Monday night. Mrs. Etta Welch visited Mrs. Jim Cox Monday.

An entertainment will be given at the Diehlstadt school house on Wednesday night, Nov. 22. Everybody is invited to come.

Lesley Council has returned from Livingston county, Kentucky, where he has been for the past three months.

Dr. J. F. Bagwell and family spent one day with Mrs. Washington Williams and ate possum and cake for dinner.

Quite a number of young folks enjoyed a dinner given at Mrs. J. McGinnis' in honor of Miss Olla's birthday.

Mrs. Julius Misdelt and daughters, Misses Lude, Freddie and Mamie, spent Saturday with Mrs. Bagwell.

Mrs. John Fuel and daughter, Nora, were visiting and shopping here Saturday.

Miss Mattie Murchison has a nice class in education at the Misdelt school.

Dr. Bagwell sold a fine lot of cattle Monday to a Blodgett buyer.

Sheriff Watkins, of Benton, was here Saturday and Sunday.

Tip and Terry Bagwell went to Prices Landing Friday.

Misses Gertrude and Haley Suter are on the sick list.

G. Blankenship and family visited at Chaffee Sunday.

Nathan Johnson has returned from Cairo.

### FROM McMULLIN.

The box supper given by Miss Ella Mitchell at the Chaney school house Friday evening was quite a success. Miss Mabel Johnson was awarded a cake for being the prettiest girl present, and Frank Carroll was awarded a pair of socks for being the homeliest boy present.

Mrs. C. J. Mason, of Vanduser, is staying with Josh Mason's children while C. J. and Josh Mason are away on a hunt.

Robert Finley, of Commerce, was at J. R. Joyce's Saturday and said he had gone into the drug business at Chaffee.

Miss Clara Miller spent the week with her step mother, Mrs. J. Wallace at Vanduser.

The farmers warehouse is open for business and is receiving by far the most corn.

Wm. Mason and family spent Sunday with Preston Emerson at Morley.

J. R. Joyce had business on his Vanduser farm the first of the week. The daily attendance at Sand Prairie school is 85 for this month.

A few of our youngsters attended the opera at Oran Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Robert Joyce spent Sunday with Aunt Ella Joyce at Vanduser.

A series of meetings will begin at the Richwoods church Sunday.

Sam Pratt has rented the west half of his farm to Wm. Miner.

George Clifford visited Celestine Grojan at Oran Sunday.

Wm. W. Mitchell has purchased a registered Jersey cow.

Bob Johnson finished sowing wheat Saturday.

## FROM BATTS.

Sunday school at the school house every Sunday morning at 9:30 a. m. Everybody invited to attend.

Misses Industry Batts and Laura Kaney spent Friday with Miss Barbara Ladd.

Mrs. Dora Woods, of Oran, was down looking for her cattle one day last week.

Phillip Morley, of the Cape, had business in our community a few days last week.

Neal Pearcey and Ben Ladd had business at Bell City one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams, of Morley, visited Mr. Batts and family Sunday.

Batton Cruise left Saturday for Cairo where he will work this winter.

Jess Cartwright left Sunday for Richwoods where he will log.

Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison spent Sunday with Jay Roberts.

Miss Volle Lancaster spent Sunday with Miss Julia Penel.

Russell Pearcey, of Morley, spent Sunday with home folks.

Dave McLanahan is working for N. C. Batts this week.

W. E. McLain visited Thos. Ladd Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Grant spent Monday evening with Mrs. Pearcey.

Mrs. W. E. King spent Sunday with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearcey went to Morley Friday.

All the sick of this community are on the mend.

Mrs. Vick spent Sunday with Mrs. Riley Batts.

Mrs. Hazel went to Oran shopping Thursday.

Sol Parks is visiting Bennie Batts this week.

Mrs. Branham visited in Vanduser Monday.

Thos. Meyers, of Oran, was here Sunday.

Miss Ethel Mercer is on the puny list.

FROM LITTLE RIVER.

H. P. Procter has sold his farm where he now lives to Mr. Brown and says he is going to try a higher country.

Joseph Utnag and W. M. Zimmerman have started a nice young orchard on their farms.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Jones and Henry Utnag were at Oran shopping Saturday.

M. G. Bryant and daughter, Miss Nellie, were in this vicinity last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Utnag were shopping at Morley last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fields visited friends on Little River Sunday.

Elmer Jones is suffering with a sore leg which he cut several days ago.

Mrs. B. Finley and son, Ollie, were in this vicinity Monday.

FROM ELLIS DISTRICT.

Owing to confusion of dates I was unable to keep my appointment at Commerce last week but will be there Monday, Nov. 20, for four days.

E. G. Matthews, dentist.

Adopt Polly Smith, of Hickory Grove, visited relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Quite a number visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben Sunday on Big Island.

Ernie Hamilton entertained a number of her schoolmates Sunday.

Mrs. H. and Mary Loftin spent a few hours in town Tuesday.

Mrs. Gilles spent Monday evening with Mrs. H. Loftin.

Harper Gilles is talking of moving to Bell City.

L. W. Loftin finished sowing wheat Saturday.

Viggo Hamble is staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jones.

FROM COMMERCCE.

Miss Pat Maupin, of Commerce, an amiable and intelligent young lady, is the guest of Mrs. J. B. Stubbelfield this week, at Oran.

A protracted meeting will begin at the M. E. Church here Sunday. Rev. Owen Coppage, of Cairo, Ill., will assist. Everybody invited.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Anderson and daughter were at Cairo the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Heucheben are at the Cape visiting the family of H. W. Dodge.

Ode Bell, of St. Louis, is visiting his sister, Mrs. M. Campbell.

L. A. Reynolds and George Harrison are in St. Louis.

Miss Eda Williams, of Farnell was in this vicinity this week.

A number of young people went to the island Sunday.

George Miller, Jr., went to Rockview Sunday.

Jim and Otha Reynolds were here Sunday.

FROM MACEDONIA.

Messrs. Sanders and Miller and the Messrs. Sanders, Spradlin and Garveys attended the box supper and ball at Himo Thursday night.

There will be preaching at Macedonia the fourth Sunday of this month. Will Finley passed through here Monday moving to Arkansas.

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FROM CROWDER.

Harbert Wisdom and Lee Richards and Messrs. Alpha Huffstader and Jennie Williams attended church at Bugg Ridge Saturday evening.

P. E. Genoway, of Fredericktown, was shaking hands with old friends here Thursday.

Rev. W. H. George filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

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